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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning public comment on legislation pending before
2 the general assembly.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY — PUBLIC COMMENT.

2 1. The legislative services agency shall establish
3 a process to allow members of the public to submit, with
4 attribution, video and written comments on legislation that is
5 the subject of a public hearing before the general assembly in
6 a manner consistent with any rules governing comments at the
7 public hearing. Persons submitting comments shall identify
8 the legislation and provide their name and address. Comments
9 will be reviewed for appropriateness prior to posting by the
10 legislative services agency.

11 2. Comments shall be posted on the general assembly's
12 internet site and shall be linked, as applicable, to the bill
13 subject to comment. Comments shall be posted in a manner that
14 allows the public to share the comment and shall remain linked
15 to the bill identified until the start of the next general
16 assembly at which time the comments may be removed from the
17 internet site.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill requires the legislative services agency to
22 establish a process to allow members of the public to submit,
23 with attribution, video and written comments on legislation
24 that is the subject of a public hearing before the legislature.
25 Comments submitted and posted shall be linked by bill on the
26 general assembly's internet site and shall remain linked until
27 the start of the next general assembly.